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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

**JOHN CLARK LAGARIAS, TAKAYUKI KOICHI, NICOLE FRANKENBERG, GREGORY A. GAMBETTA, and BERONDA L. MONTGOMERY**

Application No.: **09/870,40609/870,406**

Filed: **5/29/2001**

For: **HY2 FAMILY OF BILIN REDUCTASES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 18, 2003 containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for two months.

**REMARKS**

In the March 18, 2003 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I: Claims 1-20, drawn to a bilin reductase;  
Group II: Claims 21-32, drawn to a method of converting a biliverdin to a phytobilin;  
Group III: Claims 33-38, drawn to DNA encoding a bilin reductase and a cell comprising the DNA;  
Group IV: Claim 39, drawn to a method of detecting expression of a polypeptide;

Examiner: YONG D. PAK

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**AMENDMENT**